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E. ASIAN ALLIES UNITED TO WIN, AVERS PREMIER

New Year Message of Encouragement and Exhortation Broadcast by General Tojo

BASIS FOR VICTORY LAID

Growing Cooperation and Goodwill Among Four Nations Noted in Past Year

Speaking to Manchoukuo, China and Thailand in his New Year radio address at 7:30 p.m. January 1, Prime Minister General Hideki Tojo urged the people of these countries to be firmly determined to defeat the United States and the British Empire thoroughly and to attain the objective of the present war—the establishment of a Greater East Asia.

In reply to Prime Minister Tojo's radio address, President Wang Ching-wei of the National Government of China will also address the people of Nippon this evening, Premier Pibul Songgram of Thailand on January 4, and Premier Chang Ching-hui of Manchoukuo on January 5.

The address of the Prime Minister is in substance as follows:

"In welcoming the second New Year's Day since the outbreak of the War of Greater East Asia, I offer my most sincere prayers for the prosperity and health of His Majesty the Emperor of Nippon, His Majesty the Emperor of Manchoukuo, His Royal Majesty King Ananda Mahidol of Thailand, and President Wang Ching-wei of the National Government of China.

"In the first year of the war, the Imperial troops have already driven the American, British and Dutch forces out of East Asia, and occupied numerous strategic points extending over vast areas. Furthermore, we have secured important resources that can be immediately turned to fighting strength. Thus, Nippon has already laid the foundation for materializing the great ideal of co-existence and co-prosperity. This foundation is formed of the strategic value of the occupied areas and the great strength of numerous inhabitants and resources within the occupied territories. It is from these facts that absolute confidence in our final victory is formed.

Must Bolster Position

"The Empire of Nippon is striving to strengthen this foundation, to consolidate the cooperation with all allied countries in East Asia, and thus to secure the final victory over the United States and the British Empire, striking at them with our united power.

"At this important moment, the Empire of Manchoukuo has celebrated the tenth anniversary of its founding and shown notable progress. Manchoukuo has also shared the task of defending the northern frontier and thus greatly contributed to the strengthening of our fighting power.

"Under the great efforts of President Wang Ching-wei, the National Government of China, has steadily increased its strength and also contributed much toward increasing supplies to our country.

"Thailand concluded its Defensive and Offensive Alliance with Nippon a year ago, and under the firm control of Premier Pibul Songgram, is closely cooperating with us in attaining the common objective of the War.

"The peoples of Nippon, Manchoukuo, China and Thailand are firmly united. In celebrating the tenth anniversary of the founding of Manchoukuo, His Imperial Majesty was pleased to dispatch His Imperial Highness Prince Takamatsu to Hsinking, while Premier Chang Ching-hui of Manchoukuo came to this country as special envoy to express gratitude for the visit of His Imperial Highness.

Foreign Minister Chu Min-yi of the National Government of China also visited our country as special envoy and expressed to us the determination of the National Government to cooperate in the execution of the War of Greater East Asia. In return, Baron Kiichiro Hiranuma, Hachiro Arita and Ryutaro Nagai were sent as envoys to Nanking.

"Then, to congratulate the formation of the Nippon-Thailand Alliance, Lieutenant-General Phya Phahol Pholphyhayuha Sena visited Japan as special envoy from Thailand. Koki Hirota was appointed a

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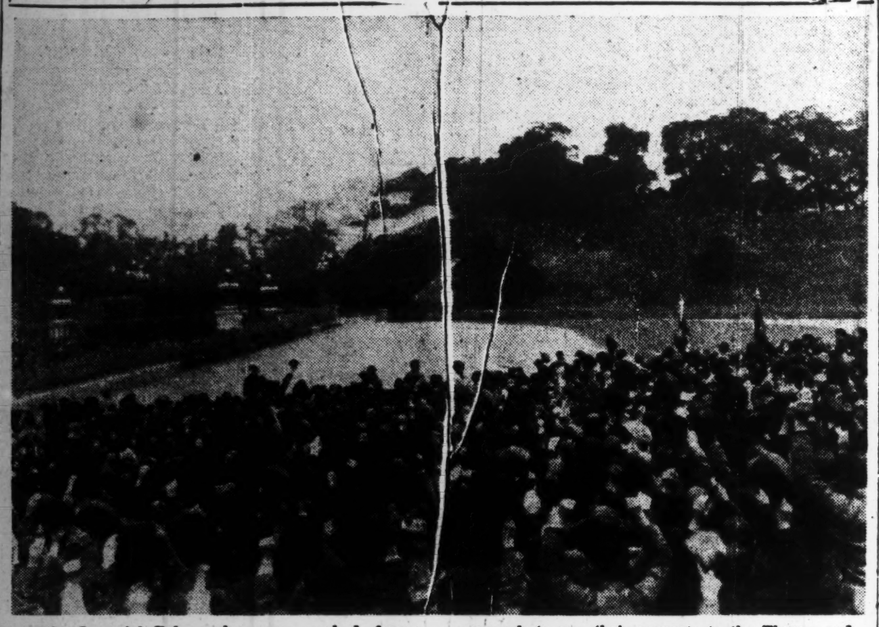
Fight for Victory Reaffirmed



The Imperial Palace plaza was packed from midnight on, throughout New Year's day, as tens of thousands of loyal subjects thronged the spacious approach to pay their respects to the Throne and to pledge anew their efforts through the new year in bringing ultimate victory closer to realization.

EAST ASIAN NATIONS OBSERVE NEW YEAR

Hsinking, Bangkok, Peking, Borneo and Shonan All Pray For Nippon's Success

Domei

HSINKING, January 1.—Thousands of Hsinking citizens thronged the Hsinking Shrine from dawn to pray for the success of the Imperial troops on the front on the second New Year's Day since the outbreak of the war.

His Majesty the Emperor of Manchoukuo early this morning personally officiated at a New Year ceremony held at the National Foundation Shrine.

Meanwhile, high-ranking officers of the Kwantung Army celebrated the day at its office, while leading officials of the Manchoukuo Government assembled at the General Affairs Board to hold a ceremony.

The Shiragiku National School will be the scene of gay festivity when General Yoshijiro Umezu, Supreme Commander of the Kwantung Army, and about 800 other outstanding civil and military functionaries as well as civilians gather there in the afternoon to celebrate the New Year at a function sponsored by the Concordia Association and the Municipal office.

Bangkok Holds Celebration

Domei

BANGKOK, January 1.—Members of the Royal Family, including His Highness Prince Aditya Dibabha, the Regent, Premier Field-Marshal Pibul Songgram, other Ministers and dignitaries attended a colorful New Year rites held in front of the Emerald Buddha, the object of national veneration, this morning.

Thailand today celebrates New Year's Day for the second time according to the solar calendar, the day having been observed until 1941 according to the Buddhist calendar on April 1.

The ancient New Year rites at the temple of the Emerald Buddha followed an elaborate ceremony last night in which high-ranking priests recited sutras to "send off" the old year.

This morning the wide spaces around the temple were thronged by devout believers who offered flowers, food and perfumes to the priests.

Buddhist rites were also held in the Royal Palace from early last night until this morning.

Meanwhile, Bangkok citizens paid tribute to their war dead at ceremonies held in the capital to pray for the repose of their souls.

Premier Songgram emphasized cooperation with Nippon in the prosecution of the war in a radiocast last night.

Peking Greets New Year

Domei

PEKING, January 1.—At a signal given at 9 a.m. today, all Nipponese residents here worshipped the Imperial Palace from a distance in greeting the New Year, the second to be observed since the beginning

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All Tokyo Turns Out En Masse to Pray For Victory At Meiji, Yasukuni Shrines

The 18th year of Showa, the 2,603rd year of the founding of the Nippon Empire, dawned with the renewed resolution among the entire population to successfully fight the second year of the War of Greater East Asia. Every national, whether in large towns and the countryside, prayed to his family altar for national prosperity.

In Tokyo, the plaza in front of the Imperial Place, was thronged with thousands of people, who prayed for the Imperial Prosperity from the night of the previous day. These men and women, even those from the distant countrysides, gathered in large numbers at the plaza, braving the severity of the freezing night and the biting cold of the morning.

With the break of the New Year day morning at about 6 a.m. the number of the visitors to the plaza suddenly increased in its number. Soon large groups of people from all strata of life from young industrial workers, school children and college students, all of whom, standing in neat lines at the plaza bowed deeply for the eternal Imperial reign, after which they shouted Banzai, the voice reverating through the serene morning atmosphere.

The plaza presented a scene of animation when the Cabinet Ministers including Prime Minister General Hideki Tojo, and other dignitaries appeared at about 9 a.m. motoring through the crowds to offer their New Year greetings to the Imperial Palace.

At the Meiji Shrine, the scenes presented from Thursday night till Friday evening were practically the same like those found on the plaza in front of the Imperial Palace. The visitors all fervently offered prayers for national prosperity to the spirit of the Emperor Meiji, to which the shrine is dedicated.

The Meiji Shrine witnessed among its visitors Prime Minister Tojo, who, clad in khaki national uniform, walked along the main approach to the sacred structure. He returned greetings to each individual, who bowed to him.

The Yasukuni Shrine, another center for pious Tokyo people, saw an endless lines of reverential visitors during whole day. There were many people who assembled before the shrine on Thursday night. These people joined in their prayers for the peaceful repose of the spirits of the war fallen. They also prayed for the support of the deified spirits on the successful execution of the current historic war.

ENVOY BACK IN NANKING TO RESUME BUSY DUTIES

Shigemitsu Believed to Have Discussed Closer Cooperation in Tokyo Talks

Domei

NANKING, December 31.—Mamoru Shigemitsu, Nippon Ambassador to Nanking, who has been in Tokyo to confer with the home Government, returned here this afternoon to resume his post, it was disclosed today.

It is believed that Ambassador Shigemitsu had discussions with the Nippon officials in putting into practice a comprehensive measure relative to the method of future cooperation between Nippon and China, which had been agreed upon following the recent visit of President Wang Ching-wei of the National Government of China.

It is also predicted that the measure thus deliberated upon will materialize with the advent of the new year—a year in which both countries are to consolidate further toward establishing a firmer footing for a final victory.

Tsubokami En Route Here

Domei

BANGKOK, December 31.—Teiji Tsubokami, Nippon Ambassador to Thailand, is expected to leave here by air for Tokyo tomorrow. He was scheduled to leave here earlier but postponed his departure in order to participate in the celebration of the first anniversary of the Nippon-Thai Offensive and Defensive Alliance.

GERMAN TROOPS REPULSE SOVIETS IN EAST FRONT

Hurled Back in Terek and Don River Areas—Many Strategic Points Occupied

Domei

BERLIN, December 31.—The German High Command gave the following announcement today on the latest developments in the German-Soviet war:

"In the Terek and Don River region, German forces repulsed an enemy attack after severe fighting, and then, assuming the offensive occupied several points. In the area southeast of Lake Ilmen, Soviet troops launched several large-scale attacks, but all ended in failure.

"A unit of German dive-bombers raided massed Soviet troops in west Kola Peninsula."

Sea Battle Raging

Domei

LISBON, December 31.—The British Admiralty announced today that a sea battle is being fought in northern waters.

WIRELESS TO BORNEO OPEN

New Telegram to South Starts Today

Telegram Service between Japan and North Borneo will be available from January 1, the Communications Ministry announced Wednesday.

The rate for Japanese language telegrams is ¥2.40 per message not exceeding five words and 80 sen for every additional five words, while the rate for foreign language telegrams is ¥3 per message not exceeding three words and ¥1 for every additional word.

CHINA TO OFFER UTMOST EFFORT FOR WAR CAUSE

Three-Point National Campaign Stressed by Nanking President in Message

WILL PUSH COOPERATION

Common Destiny Shared With Nippon—Chungking Called Enemy Scapegoat

Domei

NANKING, December 31.—Closer cooperation with Nippon in the prosecution of the War of Greater East Asia, stimulating peace and order and productivity expansion, will be stressed by a new-born China in setting the new national movement for the coming new year.

Thus, stated President Wang Ching-wei of the National Government of the Republic of China, in his statement issued in celebration of the advent of the new year of 1943, which was entitled, "The Main Points of the new National Movement Scheduled for the New Year."

His statement follows in gist:

"On the first day of last year, I made public the outline of the new national movement for the year. The outline concerned individuals' practice and practice by the people's methodical and disciplined cooperation for the training of new character needed in fulfilling the mission in the coming new era.

Outlines Policy

"This year, on the basis of the above outline of the movement, I should like to make universal the spirit of the new national campaign and at the same time to concentrate our efforts on the following three points.

"The first point is concerning our cooperation with Nippon in the prosecution of the War of Greater East Asia. The War of Greater East Asia is the problem which concerns the destiny of the whole Asiatic races, it is needless to say.

"China is a portion of East Asia. Therefore, it is impossible for China alone to enjoy peace and existence when other parts of East Asia are being endangered.

"Nippon is now fighting on the foremost first lines in the War of Greater East Asia. In one year of the war, Nippon with the united might and power of its nation eradicated Anglo-American influence which was deep-rooted in East Asia. And this year is for Nippon's frustrating the enemy counter-offensive scheme to complete its war aim with brilliant victories.

Nanking Cooperating

"In response to Nippon's efforts which enabled her to score marvelous achievements, China in the past one year, with the spirit of sharing hardships and joys, contributed toward the prosecution of the War of Greater East Asia.

"With the advent of the new year, a step forward should be made by China in exerting its efforts to gain ultimate victory, and that, with the spirit of sharing common destiny.

"We should realize that the emancipation of China results only out of victories in the War of Greater East Asia and that China's political, economic, military and cultural strength can grow only in the prosecution of the War of Greater East Asia.

"Through our cooperation, the War of Greater East Asia is being propelled powerfully, and by cooperating with Nippon in the current war our national power is being fostered more rapidly.

"Thus viewed, it is natural that our main object of the new national movement is in concentrating our efforts on the cooperation in the War of Greater East Asia.

Peace and Order

"The second is the problem of peace and order. Viewed from the current situation in the War of Greater East Asia, China constitutes the rear as well as the front in the current war.

"Why do I assert so? With all the Army and Naval forces at her disposal, Nippon is now engaged in an unprecedentedly large-scale war against the United States and Great Britain, while on the other hand China is charged with a mission of sharing her responsibility in the rear.

"This is a well-known fact, as well as the following fact. As their favorite game, the United States and Britain are resorting to a policy of making Asiatics slaughter Asiatics.

"With the outbreak of the War of Greater East Asia, the United

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Thousands Homeless, Plants Closed Down By Great U.S. Flood

Domei

BUENOS AIRES, December 31.—The greatest flood experienced in recent years, has hit Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and neighboring states and many cities and towns have been inundated, with the result that all means of communications and the activities of various industries have been almost paralyzed, according to a Washington dispatch received here. The dispatch further states that the Ohio River is now rising rapidly and it is estimated over 10,000 houses along the river have been flooded. Pittsburg was visited by the greatest flood since 1936 and over several thousand citizens have been rendered homeless. On Wednesday morning the depth of the Pittsburg River was 30 feet and the river is now rising at the rate of six inches an hour. It is estimated by the Pittsburg Meteorological Observatory that the river will rise to over 35 feet. The Ohio River which has been also rising rapidly, shows as yet no signs of abatement, while on the other hand, the Missouri River is now also rising rapidly and it is feared that the regions along its lower reaches will be under water shortly.

ANGLO-U.S. FORCES RETREAT IN TUNISIA

Germans Blast Casablanca—British Destroyer, 3 Transports Sunk

Domei

BERLIN, December 31.—Artillery battle on the Tunisian front is becoming severe, and the enemy has been forced to retreat from various points, the German High Command announced today.

The announcement added that long-distance German bomber units bombed Casablanca on Wednesday evening and caused serious damages.

Meanwhile, in the Eastern Mediterranean, German submarines sank one British destroyer and three transports.

3 Enemy Ships Sunk

Domei

BERLIN, December 31.—German air forces attacked a strong formation of enemy transports off Benghazi, and sank three transports, totaling 22,000 tons, the German High Command announced today.

Enemy Forces Retreat

Domei

ROME, December 31.—The Italian High Command announced as follows today:

On the Tunisian front, Axis forces opened fire upon the enemy and forced their retreat from several points.

Axis air forces in full cooperation with land units, smashed numerous enemy armored cars and tanks in the Libyan desert, and also set six enemy planes on fire on the Tunisian front.

In the central Mediterranean area, Italian speed boats sank two enemy submarines.

Enemy Enter Jibuti

Domei

LISBON, December 31.—British expeditionary forces marched into the port of Jibuti, French Somaliland, it was announced today by the British military authorities, according to a London dispatch reaching here today.

CURTIN WARNS PEOPLE

Domei

LISBON, December 31.—In his New Year's Eve message to the people of Australia, John Curtin, Australian Prime Minister, warned them of the serious danger Australia is facing.

"A great task lies before us," Curtin declared "and we, Australians, must be determined to bear all sufferings in order to accomplish this work. The battle in the Pacific has not yet passed the stage of danger, and the coming year will also be a difficult year. We must realize the crisis we are now confronting."

3 HEROES OF IMPERIAL ARMY ISSUED GLORIOUS CITATIONS FOR BRAVERY ON FRONT LINES

Stirring Deeds in Philippines Campaign Gain Special Acknowledgement of Supreme Commander Lieut.-General Homma

GALLANT ACTIONS UNDER FIRE REVEALED

Three brave Imperial soldiers, Sergeant Harumizu Nonomura, Corporal Yoichi Shimizu and Superior Private Yoshitaro Aoki, were respectively honored for their meritorious services during the operations by the Imperial Forces in the Philippines with citations issued on June 28, last year, by Lieutenant-General Masaharu Homma, Supreme Commander of the Imperial Forces in the Philippines Area, it was announced at 4 p.m. Friday by the War Ministry. The announcement said that the issuance of the citations had just been honored with Imperial attention.

CITATIONS

Sergeant Harumizu Nonomura of the Imai Infantry Unit

"The above-mentioned, who participated in the operations of the Imperial Forces in Bataan Peninsula as a section leader, led his men against a strongly positioned enemy unit during the battle in the neighborhood of Abucay when his company staged a night attack on January 24. Braving fierce enemy gunfire, he, at the head of his men, fought fiercely and bravely, and was successful in quickly reducing an enemy position, which proved instrumental for the expansion of the influence of the Imperial Forces in future operations.

"Again on January 29, when another nocturnal attack was made by his company against an enemy position on the Talisay River, he, with his men, attacked a numerically superior enemy force and by an encircling strategy succeeded in taking two of the enemy's heavy guns. This action remarkably facilitated the general attack launched later by the main body of his company.

"Sergeant Nonomura's acts are considered as manifestation of the full display of his vigorous fighting spirit in night attacks and also of daring and positive initiative in strategic planning. Sergeant Nonomura acted in the same admirable manner on many other occasions. These acts testify to his excellent fighting spirit and are worthy to be taken as models for others to follow.

"Wherefore, a citation is hereby issued.

June 28, 1942.

MASAHARU HOMMA,
Supreme Commander of the Army Forces in the Philippine Area."

Corporal Yoichi Shimizu of the Takechi Infantry Unit

"The Corporal, a leader of a machine-gun squad in the Bataan operations, during engagements in a sector southeast of Bagac on February 9, was instructed to hold a certain position which earlier had been occupied by the Imperial Forces. The enemy, made repeated attempts to recapture their lost position, and succeeded in pressing each time as near as 20 meters from the defenders. The enemy, under cover of heavy fire, drove their tanks close to the first line of the Corporal's section. Through all these enemy counter-attacks, the Corporal effectively commanded his men, himself often manipulating a light machine-gun.

"The enemy, strengthened with reinforcements, carried on their counter-offensive with increased vigour. Meantime, casualties among the Corporal's men gradually increased. In spite of this, Corporal Shimizu, calmly carried out his range-finding for his gunners, and issuing orders on the basis of his observations, was successful in mowing down many of the attackers. As a result the latter finally gave up their attempt to recapture their lost position. The retreat of the enemy greatly facilitated subsequent operations of the unit to which the brave Corporal belonged.

"The aforesaid acts are evidence of Corporal Shimizu's skill in military operations which are based on his rigid sense of responsibility. The Corporal is also credited with similar achievements on many other occasions. He is to be recommended as an excellent good model for the Imperial soldiers, especially on the strength of his excellent fighting vigour.

"Wherefore, a citation is hereby issued.

June 28, 1942.

MASAHARU HOMMA,
Supreme Commander of the Army Forces in the Philippine Area."

Superior Private Yoshitaro Aoki of the Kolke Engineering Unit

"Superior Private Aoki, during operations against Corregidor Fortress, worked as a member of a marine construction corps. On the night of May 5, when he participated in the construction operations for the first landing batch of the Imperial Forces on Corregidor Island, he was wounded twice by enemy bayonets. Undaunted, he, on the arrival of the Imperial Forces at the landing spot, secured connection between his boat and the shore with planks and ropes, which were kept in position only by the use of his left hand. To continue his work, Superior Private Aoki strapped himself to the spot as he worked, and thus, he was found fatally wounded.

"The Superior Private's act shows that he, despite his wounds, continued his duties till he finally succumbed. He had secured his body with a rope encircled tight around his body to carry on his work when he saw he was fatally wounded. Thus, he executed his duty as a construction serviceman to the last. His bravery is unexcelled. He is the incarnation of the soldier's fighting spirit and may be called a model for the engineering men of the Imperial Army.

"Wherefore, a citation is hereby issued.

June 28, 1942.

MASAHARU HOMMA,
Supreme Commander of the Army Forces in the Philippine Area."

INO SHOWS THE WAY TO NIPPON'S VICTORY

Agriculture Minister Stresses Importance of Increased Fighting Power

In his New Year message, Agriculture and Forestry Minister Hiroya Ino lauded the unprecedented successes of the Imperial Forces in the War of Greater East Asia and at the same time stressed the importance of increasing the fighting power of the nation, which, he declared, can only be attained through the enhancement of the production of airplanes, ships and foodstuff.

Mr. Ino's message follows:

In a little over one year since the granting of the Imperial Rescript declaring war on the United States and the British Empire, the Imperial Forces have already smashed the enemy's military bases, and the numerous fortresses in the South, and all the vast resources on which they had depended on to form an encircling line against Nippon have been placed under our control. Thus the foundation for the perfect execution of the War of Greater East Asia is firmly laid.

All this is, of course, due to the bravery, courage and determination of our Imperial Forces, and we feel greatly impressed by their glorious successes on every front.

Despite their repeated and miserable defeats, the United States and Britain are still constantly making counter-attacks, depending solely upon their productivity. It must be said that the coming one year is a war against their productive power. Therefore, everything in this country must be devoted to the increase of fighting strength.

Production Boost Vital

In plain words, the increase of fighting power can only be attained by increasing the production of airplanes, ships and foodstuff. Airplanes are fighting weapons, ships are the main factor for increasing the production of war requirements, and foodstuff provides manpower and spiritual strength required for national mobilization.

Fortunately the rice crop in the first year of the war was much greater than the average. It will be necessary to transport rice from the Southern Region to some extent as was done in the past year, and therefore, many ships will be required.

But in view of the fact that the use of bottoms for such purposes must be restricted as far as possible in order to leave ships for strategic and production expansion purposes, efforts must be directed to limit the import of foreign rice. Every body must realize that every piece of land must be utilized to increase the output of agricultural crops for the purpose of defeating the United States and Britain.

The War of Greater East Asia is a war to smash the United States and Britain and wherever the soldiers of the Rising Sun fight, they always win. As long as we have sincere patriotism and a sense of national service, there is no need to be afraid of the Anglo-Americans. Thus, the spirit of the people on the home front is of utmost importance.

Await Development

In the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, there are produced all important raw materials required for the execution of the war, they only await development. Thus, however long the war might continue, it may be said that we will win in the end, because we can construct while fighting.

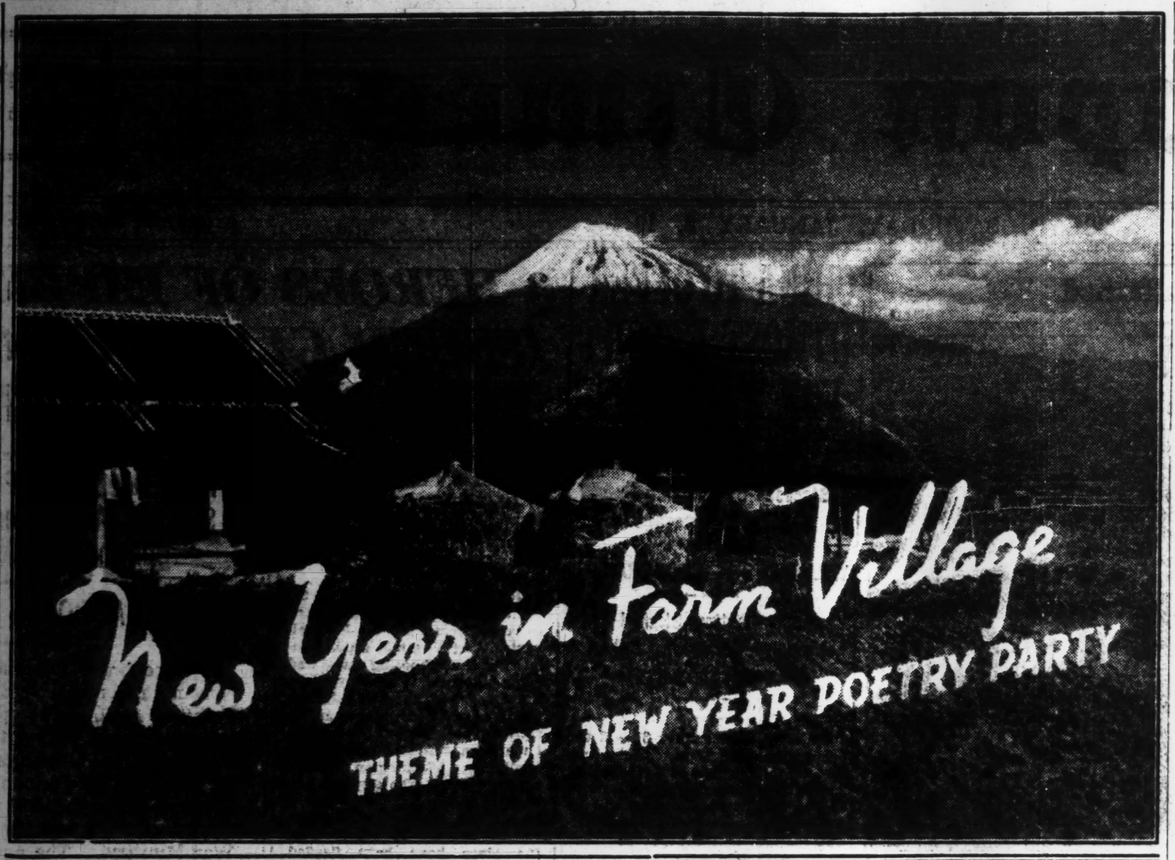
Another point that should not be forgotten is the question of manpower. The supply of manpower depends on agricultural communities, therefore, unless the development of agricultural communities is fostered, the expansion of the Yamato race, and the constant supply of brave soldiers to the front will be impeded.

Thus, the establishment of strong and prosperous farming communities is an important problem to solve the population question. The Government, therefore, is mobilizing every facility to develop farming communities.

The people of agrarian districts are asked to realize the extent to which the nation depends on their spiritual strength, and devote themselves to the production of more foodstuff.

On the other hand, consumers should economize in the consumption of various products which are the results of the toil of our farmers. They are also asked to have full confidence in the Government which is taking every possible measure to store the minimum supply of foodstuffs. We ask everybody to devote every possible effort for the expansion of productivity.

When producers and consumers fully realize the actual situation and cooperate with the Government, our victory is assured however long the war might continue and whatever development might come.



CHIANG'S PROPOSALS MEET REBUFF IN U.S.

Generalissimo's Wife to Seek Aid Fizzles Out—Demands Are Too Stiff for U.S.

Domei

CANTON, December 31.—The present visit of Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek to Washington is rumored to be for the specific purpose of concluding a new military agreement between Chungking and the United States, but it is said that as Chungking's demand is excessive, the negotiation made by Chiang's wife at Washington did not bring any concrete result.

According to information reaching here, President Roosevelt submitted the following demands to T. V. Soong, Chungking Foreign Minister, when he left Washington for Chungking:

1. To open a general anti-Nipponese offensive along all fronts.
2. To continue anti-Nipponese operations through Burma.

Receiving the above demands, Chiang Kai-shek referred them to the Supreme Defense Council, but the Council after deliberating upon the demands came to the decision that the wishes of the United States could not be complied with unless Washington would accept Chungking's following demands:

1. To supply a sufficient number of transport planes to be used between Chungking and India for bringing arms and war necessities to Chungking.
2. To supply large quantities of airplanes, heavy artillery, light and heavy machine-guns and other arms.

Coming to this decision, Chiang dispatched his wife to Washington but announced that she was going to receive medical treatment. Chiang's wife handed her husband's demands to Roosevelt. However, the negotiations at Washington fell through because the demands submitted by her were too much for the United States to accept or to carry them out faithfully.

Big Army Backed

Domei

BUENOS AIRES, December 31.—In explanation of the United States Army plan for mobilizing 7,500,000 soldiers and 650,000 officers by the end of 1943, which is being subjected to severe criticism by various quarters, General George C. Marshal, Chief of the General Staff of the United States, stated that even an army of that strength is not enough in view of the war situation all over the world, according to a Washington dispatch.

Writing in the issue of December 21 of Time, a weekly magazine, General Marshal explained in the following vein:

"For the past six months, the United States High Command examined in detail the war situation in the world and reached a conclusion that an army of 7,500,000 strong is necessary.

"However, it is impossible for us to state, in view of the current world war situation, whether the army will be strong enough numerically.

"For instance, except to India and Australia, the Anglo-American camp is finding it necessary to transport by air its troops to all parts of the world. Of late, our bases have been established in Oran and Casablanca, which is to be followed by bases on the Gulf of Persia and the Red Sea.

"Moreover, with the expected commencement of warfare in more earnest against the forces of Nippon and Germany, it will become of vital importance for the United States to dispatch in succession reinforcements to respective battle fronts.

"With the development of the war situation in Tunisia, it will become more and more difficult for our camp to reinforce troops in the battle front.

"And we must remember that it is next to impossible to equip and train troops in the shortest period of time."

Redoubled War Effort by People at Home Asked by Manchoukuo Envoy in Message

Concentration of the total strength of the War of Greater East Asia in the light of the inseparable relations between Nippon and Manchoukuo was urged yesterday by Manchoukuoan Ambassador to Nippon, Wang Yung-ching, in a New Year's message, states Domei.

Ambassador Wang called on the people of Manchoukuo to redouble their efforts in establishing a new World Order under the able guidance of Nippon, neighbor and friend of Manchoukuo.

In his message the Manchoukuo envoy declared, "In greeting the New Year, the second since the outbreak of the War of Greater East Asia, I wish to express felicitations and express my heartfelt hopes for the long life and prosperity of His Majesty the Emperor of Nippon and of the Imperial Family of Nippon."

Manchoukuo Cooperating

Pointing out that His Majesty the Emperor of Manchoukuo is bestowing His Imperial Benevolence upon all the peoples of Manchoukuo, Ambassador Wang stated in his message, "In line with the principle of 'one thought between the peoples of Nippon and Manchoukuo,' all the people of Manchoukuo today are devoting themselves unreservedly to the prosecution of the war of Greater East Asia."

"The great spirit in which Nippon was founded, to place all peoples who received the gift of life in their respective and proper places, has enabled Manchoukuo to enjoy the brilliant ceremonies marking the tenth anniversary of the founding of the States," he added.

"The time is now ripe for all nations that are groaning under the yoke of Great Britain and the United States to awaken themselves to the Imperial Benevolence which is as large as Heaven and Earth.

"Manchoukuo is now making every possible effort to perfect its national defenses on the northern front in the spirit of the Nippon-Manchoukuo Joint Defense Declaration. Manchoukuo also is making every effort to form a national structure invincible in the execution of the War of Greater East Asia by offering the whole energy of the nation to Nippon, which is now driving forward to insure the existence of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere.

Emphasized in Policy

"It may be recalled that this already has been emphasized in the outline of Manchoukuo's fundamental national policy which was announced at the end of last year.

"The Government of Manchoukuo has made it clear that it will devote all its energies to the prosecution of the War of Greater East Asia in the light of the inseparable relations existing between Nippon and Manchoukuo, in order to insure the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere.

"In greeting this New Year, I wish to conclude by emphasizing that we must redouble our efforts in establishing a New Order in the world under the guidance of Nippon, our neighbor and friend."

E. Asian Allies United to Win, Avers Premier

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special envoy to return the visit of the Thai special mission.

"Of late, President Wang Ching-wei of Nanking again visited Japan, and exchanged frank views with the high officials of Nippon.

Cooperation Growing

"The cooperation among these four nations is daily being further strengthened, and bringing great results toward attaining the great objective of establishing a Greater East Asia. At this opportunity I beg to express heartfelt thanks to these countries for their sincere cooperation given to us.

"The United States and the British Empire that have suffered defeat after defeat in the past, are now just beginning to attempt offensive activities. But as already explained, the foundation for our victory is well laid.

"What is left for the four great nations of East Asia to do now is to gain final victory by putting overwhelming military pressure on our enemies by utilizing the vast manpower and material resources at hand for increasing our fighting strength. To attain this end, we must mutually aid, trust and cooperate for the common objective.

Nippon is fully determined to fight to the last, and it is my sincere wish that the peoples of Manchoukuo, China, and Thailand will fight in full cooperation with us."

Chile Postpones Talks

Domei

BUENOS AIRES, December 31.—Because of the sudden illness of Chilean Foreign Minister Joaquin Fernandez, no decision on Chile's foreign policy was reached although the Senate has met in camera for several days.

Moreover, President Juan Antonio Rios has asked the Senate to postpone the adoption of a definite policy until the return of Home Minister Raul Morales from Washington.

CHINA TO OFFER UTMOST EFFORT

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States and Britain instigated the Chungking regime to dispatch its expeditionary forces into Burma, while the enemy camp persuaded the Chiang regime which is on the brink of collapse to carry out its guerrilla warfare in various parts of China.

Chungking Is Scape-Goat

"By means of the Chungking regime's guerrilla warfare, the United States and Britain are trying to hold in check the Imperial Forces stationed in China so that Nippon may not be able to use her full strength in the fronts of the War of Greater East Asia.

"At the same time, the enemy camp is hampering all the construction activities in the pacified zones in China. In other words, the enemy camp is stressing that it will not talk peace unless and until the Nipponese Forces evacuate China. And at the same time, the enemy camp is exerting its efforts to deprive Nippon of her opportunity of evacuating her forces from China.

"Thus viewed, China is on the first battle lines in the War of Greater East Asia against the United States and Britain, while at this time officers and men of the Chungking regime, who lost the spirit of the Asiatics, have turned out to be traitors at the Anglo-American's beck and call. This is indeed a matter for regret.

"Now we have realized that it is impossible for us to persuade the Chungking regime to effect wholesale peace with Nippon. And it has become necessary for us to leave no room for the Chungking Regime to be active within the pacified zones. Only after that, it will become possible for us to commence our constructive activities in the pacified zones.

"Should China's political, economic, military and cultural strength be cultivated alone in the pacified zones, it will be natural for us to concentrate our efforts in the maintenance of peace and order in a new-born China.

Increasing Production

"Thirdly, I must touch upon the problem of increasing production. Generally speaking, important will be the even distribution and economization in consumption together with the increase of production.

"To economize has no meaning toward those who are starving; thus, vitally important is the expansion of production.

"Therefore, with the advent of the New Year, the Government is firmly resolved to exert its efforts for strengthening the systematization of production, the improvement of productive methods and the acquisition of machines necessary for production.

"In response to the Government's efforts, the people of China are, therefore, requested to bestir themselves for the expansion of production, realizing at the same time that national power will not be wasted but increased by the prosecution of war."

HIGHEST EFFICIENCY IS ASKED BY KOIZUMI

Vital to Attain Productivity Expansion for Victory, Says Welfare Minister

Surgeon-Lieutenant General Dr Chikahiko Koizumi, in his New Year message, touched on the peerless strength of the Imperial Forces which was responsible in defeating the enemy on every front in East Asia, and exhorted the people on the the home front to further enhance their efforts behind the guns by seeing that the highest pitch of cooperation and efficiency is attained thereby to realize the aim of expansion in productivity. He declared that all efforts are being directed to see that the health and welfare of the people of Nippon are assured so that the above aim can be gained.

Welfare Minister Koizumi's message follows:

In welcoming the glorious 2,603rd year of the Empire, bright with the hope of establishing the New Order of Greater East Asia, I beg to pray for the everlasting reign and glory of the Imperial Household, deeply feeling the joy of being alive today as a subject of His Majesty the Emperor.

On December 8, last year, we celebrated the first anniversary of the War of Greater East Asia and particularly resolved to defeat the United States and Britain. In the past year, we gained glorious victories which can be termed as unprecedented in the annals of the world, by defeating the enemy on every front by our brilliant and speedy military operations. The areas we have conquered now extend several thousand miles east to west, and the sea areas many times that extent. Thus, East Asia is now on the point of resuming its original status.

Real Stage Entered

Viewed from the speedy progress of the war, it may be said that we have now entered the real stage of battle. The enemy is adopting every possible means to arouse the public antipathy and hostile sentiment against us, and by mobilizing their resources and productivity, they are repeatedly counter-attacking. When we realize this ambition of our enemy, we should do our best, and bear all difficulties with iron determination and national unity, so that we can gain the final victory and also assist in the Imperial Rule. At the same time we must remember that the officers and men of the Imperial Forces are fighting bravely, sacrificing their lives in utter disregard of their parents, wives and children, in battlefields thousands of miles away from their homes. On the other hand, the families of those brave warriors are courageously pursuing their activities behind the guns.

With the prolongation of the war, we realize the importance of military relief. At the same time, we must discipline ourselves to fully recognize the present situation.

Most important at present is to attain the highest pitch of efficiency in order to attain the expansion of productivity. Both operators and workers must unite in increasing production so that they can serve the nation in wartime. The sense of national service is unique in Nippon. Workers behind the guns must work as hard and willingly as soldiers at the front. This is particularly important in the present stage of crushing the enemy's attempts to counter-attack.

Health Measures Adopted

The Government has adopted various measures to increase the efficiency of the people so that the proposed increase of productivity will not be hindered. Also various steps for the health of the people are being enforced, and utmost attention is being directed toward the health of babies and children.

The future of Greater East Asia depends on the population policy of Nippon, it is needless to say. The Government is therefore devoting itself in this respect so that the people of Nippon can fulfil their duty as leaders of Greater East Asia.

East Asian Nations Observe New Year

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of the War of Greater East Asia on December 8, 1941.

The headquarters of the Imperial Expeditionary Forces in North China in a solemn ceremony paid respects to the Imperial Portrait at 10 a.m. while the Nippon Ambassadorial Office held a similar ceremony with prominent Nipponese residents attending.

The North China Political Council also observed the New Year at 11 a.m. today with the attendance at the ceremony of leading officials who renewed their firm determination to cooperate with Nippon in the prosecution of the War of Greater East Asia.

Borneo Holds Rites

Domei

KUCHING, January 1.—In greeting the New Year, the second since the outbreak of the War of Greater East Asia, the Imperial Forces in the Borneo area in an appropriate ceremony paid their respects to the Imperial Family in Nippon from a distance and offered prayers for continued victory at 9 a.m. today.

The ceremony was attended by a large number of prominent persons including Lieutenant-General Masataka Yamawaki, Supreme Commander of the Imperial Forces, and leading members of the Nippon Military Administration.

The ceremony was closed with the shouting of three Banzai led by Lieutenant-General Yamawaki for the long reign of His Majesty the Emperor of Nippon.

Shonanto Celebrates

Domei

SHONAN, January 1.—New Year celebrations here did not affect daily work to a great extent, as only a half-holiday was observed today to mark the first New Year's Day since the Imperial Forces occupied Singapore.

Early in the morning, all Nipponese garrison forces, the Military Administration and residents renewed their resolve to win the War of Greater East Asia during solemn ceremonies.

Large crowds visited the Shonan Shrine and the monument for the war dead of the Imperial Forces.

Daily routine will be resumed at all offices in the city tomorrow.

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MISUSE OF U.S. SOLDIERS FOR PROPAGANDA SCORED

LISBON.—Misuse of the soldiers by the United States propagapda machine is severely criticized by the Baltimore Evening Sun, according to a New York message.

The paper complains that as soon as a "hero" returns from battle he is compelled to make propaganda speeches and allow himself to be feted in public.

The War Department evidently believed it necessary to utilize these decorated officers for bolstering up civil morale in the United States.

In this connection the journal points out that such an attitude adopted by Washington showed that the military authorities seemed to be rather uncertain about the war mood of the average American citizen.

The paper, as an example of "misused hero," cites Commander John Bulkely, who rescued General Douglas MacArthur from the Philippines. Though overburdened with important secret duties, Commander Bulkely was repeatedly asked to make public speeches.

The reaction of the misused soldiers to the orders to make speeches must be considered detrimental to military discipline and morale, concludes the paper.

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